



# **Grüss Gott**

## **Stuttgart Officer and Civilian Spouses Club**

### **November 2002 Newsletter**

Gruss Gott To All,

Since this is November and the month we give thanks for all that is near and dear to us, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for the things that are important to me. I'm sitting here at my computer, typing out this note to all of you, looking out the window on the beautiful fall foliage, and realizing just how thankful I am to be here. How many Americans are given the opportunity to go beyond their local boundaries and explore the world as we spouses have been allowed to do. For me this is a privilege beyond my wildest dreams and I am thankful for that. But even with this unique opportunity, we often get caught up in our busy lives, flitting from one event or meeting to another, until we forget about what the truly important things are. Thanks to my children, for smelling the aroma of chocolate chip cookies that are being baked for others and understanding that they will only get the crumbly ones. Thanks to my husband for having the patience to show me how to do that attachment one more time, even though he has already shown me so many times before. Thanks for being my sounding board and voice of reason when things seem to get too hard for me. Thanks to my friends, for listening when I need you, reminding me what needs to be done, when I need that, and for telling me what I NEED to hear even when it isn't what I WANT to hear. Your support and friendship mean everything to me. Thanks to all of you, the OCSC members, for your participation in our organization, for always being there when we need you and for steadfastly volunteering your time and efforts to make this community a better place for us all. That is something we all can truly be thankful for. You are all a wonderful, talented, and fun-loving group of women that I am honored to share this bond we call OCSC. So when you are feeling rushed, harried and generally too tired to care, take a deep breath, look at the sky, and be thankful that you have been given this opportunity called life.

Until next time,

Donni  
OCSC President





## **OCSC Governing Board Roster**

President:	Donni Hodgkins
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3rd Vice President:	Becky Davis
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Welfare Treasurer:	Linda Caton
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Parliamentarian:	Bobby Kellner
Membership:	Diane Murtha
Co-Reservations:	Londa Gemeinhardt
Co-Reservations:	Kelly Roth
Luncheons:	Liz McKendrick
Programs:	Vacant
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Bazaar Chair:	Sherri Funk
Ways & Means:	Pattie Jones
	Deann Reff
Newsletter:	Kelley Otto
Publicity:	Tracy Neal
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	Cordelia Williams
Historian:	Sara Kopf
Tours:	Therese DeSanto
Thrift Shop Liason:	Mary Ellen Lyon



## **Honorary & Advisory Board Members**

Honorary President:	Mary Ann Fulford
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Senior Army Advisor:	Madelaine Darden
Senior Navy Advisor:	Jeannie Calhoun
Senior Marine Advisor:	Gail Baczkowski
Senior Civilian Advisor:	Jennie Allen
6th ASG Advisor:	Iris Stubblefield

Dear OCSC friends,

Thank you for the lovely (and delicious) farewell luncheon. I leave this community and Germany with my heart filled with wonderful memories and you helped make it so. It has been a delight to renew friendships and make new friends while here. I encourage you to continue your involvement and support of activities--and to have fun while doing that!

I am so grateful for the crystal vase with the DCINC's house etched on it and also the book and your many, many words of encouragement. Continue to enjoy your many opportunities and experiences! Hope to see all of you before we actually depart for the States.

Warmly,  
Mary Ann Fulford

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The proposed Constitutional revisions for the 2003-2005 renewal period will be posted at the Patch Thrift Shop for review by membership prior to being presented for approval at the November General Membership meeting. Any suggestions or corrections should be brought to the attention of a member of the Constitutional Review Committee.

Bobbie Kellner, Parliamentarian  
[kellner.pb@t-online.de](mailto:kellner.pb@t-online.de)

Thanks,  
Bobbie



So, you want to have some fun?

There are many ways to have fun in the Stuttgart community through the OCSC.

If you like to shop, visit our OCSC Ways and Means table at the luncheons and evening events to find beautiful treasures and support our organization.

Want to get out and meet some great people for a few hours a week? Come by the Patch Thrift Shop in the Lower level of Washington Square and see what is new this week. We have everything from brand name clothing to videos.

Stop by often to find great deals on seasonal items, they don't stay in the shop for very long. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and tag donated items that support our Welfare fund.

When you participate in OCSC events, you are helping to fund many organizations in Stuttgart.

Bonnie Collins

2nd Vice President



Check out what's on at the movies tonight at your local theater:


<http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp>



### **Patch Thrift Shop Welcomes You!**

Come visit the Patch Thrift Shop to see the newest items! We have winter clothes now, and many new household consignments. Our upcoming open Saturday dates are November 2 and December 7. Located in the lower level of Washington Center, we are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, accepting consignments until 1:00 pm (same hours on the open Saturday dates). The Thrift Shop is a wonderful place to volunteer- you get to meet lots of new people and see the incoming consignments! For more information call dsn 430-5510/civ 680-5510.

Mary Ellen Lyon (Thrift Shop Liaison)



As 3rd VP it is my responsibility to keep up with volunteer hours and nominate someone from our organization each quarter for Volunteer of the Quarter and Youth Volunteer of the Quarter. It is with GREAT pride that I announce that Jenny Ryan won Youth YOQ for the 2nd quarter and Meghan DeSanto won for the 3rd quarter. Both of these outstanding young ladies have volunteered numerous hours at our thrift shop. If you see them out and about, please thank and congratulate them!

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to the Harmony Express, Patch HS JROTC, GAWC "Gals" and the EUCOM Harmonizers for their participation in our Harmony Luncheon and helping us bid farewell to Mrs. Fulford and Mrs. Petrosky.

Becky Davis  
3rd VP



### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Welcome to the Stuttgart OCSC! We are so glad to have you join us. We are off to a great start this year and we have many wonderful activities to get involved in and great new friends to meet. We currently have 170 members and we always welcome more. I am in the process of compiling the annual membership roster, which is a great resource for our members. If anyone who has already submitted their membership application would like to make additions or corrections, please e-mail me at: [murtha123@hotmail.com](mailto:murtha123@hotmail.com). The roster will be available to current members at the November 19<sup>th</sup> Mini-Bazaar. All members that have joined by **Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** will be included in the roster. Those joining after that date will be included in the monthly updates. Annual dues are \$30.00 and applications are available at the Patch Thrift Shop, the ACS office or you may download it from our website. Completed applications can be mailed to the Membership Chairman (address is on the application) through the Military Post Office (MPS). I am looking forward to seeing everyone on November 19<sup>th</sup>!

Diane Murtha  
Membership Chairman

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES**

**SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service)**

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites>

**Stuttgart Home Page**

<http://www.stuttgart.army.mil>

**European Command**

<http://www.eucom.mil>

**US Army Europe (USAREUR)**

<http://www.hqusareur.army.mil>

**Marine Forces Europe (MARFOREUR)**

<https://www.mfe.usmc.mil>

**Information on Stuttgart**

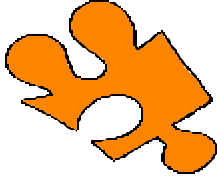
<http://www.stuttgart.de/englisch/indexe.html>

<http://www.stgt.com/stuttgart/homee.htm>

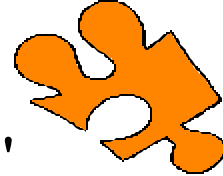
**Information on Germany**

[http://www.germany-info.org/f\\_gic/index.html](http://www.germany-info.org/f_gic/index.html)

# American Women's Activities, Germany (AWAG) Proudly Presents



**"MAKING THE PIECES FIT"**



## ***Schwaben Area Fall Conference***

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

**SWABIAN SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER**

*PATCH BARRACKS, STUTTGART*

**Registration 0830 and Adjournment 1530**

**Cost: \$15.00 (includes conference fees and lunch)**

Sessions include: Motivational Speaker, Publicity and Marketing, Couples Communication, Interviewing Skills, Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend, and Stress Management.

For further information call Donna Riehl 07031 658 021 or email: [Riehl\\_deal@t-online.de](mailto:Riehl_deal@t-online.de)

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### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM (Please print)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT # FOR NON-ID HOLDERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP NLT 08 NOV 02 by sending registration form and check or money order\*  
(Payable to Donna Riehl) to: *\*REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE*

Donna Riehl  
CMR 480 Box 957                      Zeisigweg 34  
APO AE 09128                      or                      71032 Boeblingen

AWAG IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO TRAIN AND STRENGTHEN VOLUNTEERS,  
PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM, AND TO CREATE PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.



## **OCSC ON-LINE RESERVATION POLICY**

**OCSC luncheons** are held on the third Tuesday of each month except for a few special events which will be appropriately announced. Reservations must be made for all OCSC functions. There may be other events where reservations are necessary. A reminder will be in the monthly issue of the "Grüss Gott" OCSC newsletter.

Guests are welcome to attend and are eligible for door prizes and chance drawings, however, International Bingo is for OCSC members only. Infant pre-crawlers are welcome at all OCSC Luncheons.

**RESERVATION/CANCELLATION:** A committee has been appointed to take reservations. Reservations must be made by Tuesday preceding the event. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness by calling only between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Should you need to cancel your reservation; you must do so before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event. **Unless your reservation is cancelled by e-mail or phone before 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the event, you, the OCSC member, will be responsible for paying the full cost of the event.** If the cost is not paid, the member will not be allowed to attend the Bingo event and loss of membership privileges will be enforced until payment is made in full.

### **To Make Reservations Call or E-mail:**

Londa Gemeinhardt 0711-1208461

[gemeinhardt@aol.com](mailto:gemeinhardt@aol.com)

or

Kelly Roth 0711-6204862



### **Permanent Reservation Policy:**

Permanent Reservations can be made at any OCSC function. To put your name on the permanent reservation list you must pay **\$12** towards your **last** luncheon up front. If you aren't able to attend a luncheon, you must cancel prior to the deadline. If you don't cancel, an email message or phone call will be sent to remind you to pay for your lunch. If you don't send payment for your lunch that you missed prior to that month's reservation deadline, your prepayment will be applied towards your lunch and your permanent reservations will be canceled. If the lunch that you miss is less than \$12 the difference will be considered a donation to the club. This new policy is to help you, the member keep from having to pay for multiple missed lunches!

## Trips & Tours

A second person is needed to help with Trips/Tours. If you are interested please call Therese DeSanto for information at 07157-620488 (home) or 0173-669-1354 (cell).

The last opportunity to sign-up for the Christmas Markets is at the November luncheon. Please look for the Tours sign-up and take advantage of this great opportunity.

Thanks,  
Therese Desanto



SALZBURG CHRISTMAS MARKET &  
SOUND OF MUSIC TOUR  
December 7, 2002

The departure time is approximately  
0330 on December 7th  
with an early morning return on the  
8th.

Cost is \$40 per person

ULM CHRISTMAS MARKET  
December 12, 2002

Cost \$20 per person

LUDWIGSBURG CHRISTMAS MARKET  
& RESIDENCE SCHLOSS TOUR  
December 19, 2002

Tour with an English-speaking guide.  
Cost \$25 per person

Contact Therese DeSanto for further  
information:

07157-620488 or [shootcraps@aol.com](mailto:shootcraps@aol.com)



## Websites For Easy Travel:

### **Translation Site:**

<http://babel.altavista.com/translate.dyn>

### **AF Vacation Club site:**

<http://www.afvclub.com>

### **Ryan Air Site:**

<http://www.ryanair.com>

### **Oliver Tours:**

<http://www.interra-reisen.de>

### **Currency Converter Site:**

<http://www.xe.net/ucc>

### **Directions Site:**

<http://www.viamichelin.com/viamichelin/gbr/dyn/controller/HomePage.jsessionid=4DW0FHKCKOHHWQBMZ0CWDKQ>

### **Rome USO:**

<http://www.uso.it>

### **Patch Ski Club Site:**

<http://www.psc-ski.org>

### **London Site:**

<https://secure.globalvision.co.uk/booking/inbox.phtml?columnsel=1&box=1&rdm=1006267191>

### **Normandy Area B&B**

<http://www.frenchbliss.net/>

### **RTT Destinations (office near Ramstein)**

<http://www.rtttravel.com/mainmenu.shtml>

## **Babysitter Resource List**

Do you have a teenager who is interested in babysitting? I am compiling a list of available sitters for use by our membership. If you have a son or daughter that is interested in sitting please submit the following information to me via e-mail or MPS:

Sitter's name, age, address (local), phone number and if they have completed the Red Cross Babysitter course. You may also include any other pertinent information.

If your teen is interested in taking the Red Cross Babysitter course, here's the information on the next class:

November 18, 19, 20, 21 16:00- 18:00 Babysitting classes

November 23 (Sat.) 09:00- 16:00 Infant CPR

Cost is \$35.00 and classes will be held at the Patch YS.

Questions? The American Red Cross phone number is: 07031- 2818/2812

Diane Murtha

[Murtha123@hotmail.com](mailto:Murtha123@hotmail.com) or

CMR 480 BOX 2254

APO, AE 09128

## **TATER PEOPLE**

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch others do the work.  
They are called Speck Taters

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work.  
They are called Comment Taters.

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands.  
They are called Dick Taters.

Some people are always looking to cause problems. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet.  
They are called Agie Taters.

There are those who say they will help, but just never get around to actually doing the promised help.  
They are called Hezzi Taters.

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not.  
They are called Emma Taters.

Then there are those who love others and are always prepared to stop, lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others.  
They are called Sweet Taters.







# **Sponsors a November Mini Bazaar**

**Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2002**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: Swabian Special Events Center**

**Come out for a fun night of Christmas shopping  
for friends and family back home or just  
shopping for yourself !**

**Dessert and coffee will be served.**

**This is a private event for members only. Anyone eligible to join the  
OCSC may do so at the door. The annual membership fee is \$30.**





# GERMAN AMERICAN WOMENS CLUB



The following is the speech given by the GAWC President, Monica Radowitz, at the farewell luncheon for Mrs. Fulford and Mrs. Petrosky. It was so well presented and received that many members asked that it be put in the newsletter.

Monica von Radowitz  
(German President)  
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Good morning ladies - and gentlemen.  
Thank you so much for the invitation to join you today.  
I see many familiar faces which I met at the Pfennig Bazaar and  
I would like to also say a very big thank you to you all for your  
help and for your hard work.

The theme today is "Harmony". This word is the same in  
German - "Harmonie" a fact which I like.  
When I think of the word - harmony - I think of music and when  
I hear the sound this morning, then I think that we are all  
playing in the same -loud - harmonic orchestra!  
In a concert we have many chords - harmonic and disharmonic  
ones . Both are very important and for me some of the most  
beautiful moments in a concert are when the disharmony is  
dissolved into a harmonic whole. In an orchestra we also have  
all the individual musicians- some playing high, some low,  
some solo - all working together for the complete sound.  
Two members of this orchestra were Barbara and MaryAnne -  
playing their parts quietly in the background. However without  
them the sound would not have been the same.  
Thank you both for your harmony.  
For the future we wish you many more musical pieces to play  
in, to conduct and also to compose.

## **GAWC NEWS:**

If you are interested in becoming a  
member of the German American  
Women's Club please e-mail Susan Jaskot  
at [skjaskot@yahoo.com](mailto:skjaskot@yahoo.com) (American  
President of GAWC) or Debbie Moore at  
[deborapm@yahoo.com](mailto:deborapm@yahoo.com) ( membership  
chairperson).

If you are a new member of GAWC and  
are not receiving your newsletter, please  
e-mail Frances Tierney at  
[ijtiern@attglobal.net](mailto:ijtiern@attglobal.net) .

*The GAWC is pleased to announce  
that they raised over 78,000 €uros  
at their annual pfenning bazaar.  
Groups are encouraged to submit  
an application for welfare funds!*

Applications for the Welfare  
Committee are available at ACS or  
call Jeannie Calhoun, 0711-680-  
7453.